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SUBJECT: LONG SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS

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SUMMARY: EMB IS CONCERNED REGARDING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AFFECTING U.S. - NICARAGUAN RELATIONS BASED ON LONG SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS BECAUSE OF: (A) LACK OF INFORMATION ON THOSE HEARING, AND (B) LACK OF INFORMATION ON DEPT'S RESPONSE TO THOSE HEARINGS. DEPT RESPONSE IS REQUESTED. END SUMMARY

1. EMB REMAINS IN AN UNTENABLE POSITION WITH REGARD TO INTERPRETING IMPACT ON U.S.-NICARAGUAN RELATIONS OF APRIL 5 AND 21 HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN NICARAGUA. TO DATE, EMB HAS RECEIVED FROM DEPT ONLY AN ADVANCE COPY OF BRAY TESTIMONY AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SECOND HEARING (REFTEL). NO TRANSCRIPTS OR STATEMENTS BY OTHER WITNESSES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM DEPT. THROUGH LOCAL CONTACTS WE HAVE FILLED SOME OF THIS GAP BUT WE REMAIN IN THE DARK RE TESTIMONY BY WOLA SPOKESMAN, NEARLY ALL DOCUMENTS SUPPLIED FOR RECORD BY WITNESSES, AND Q AND A EXCHANGES.

2. FROM THIRD PARTY, EMB HAS JUST RECEIVED COPY OF D'ESCOTO STATEMENT AND FINDS IT CONTAINS NUMEROUS FACTURAL INACCURACIES
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AND DISTORTIONS WITH REGARD TO U.S. PROGRAMS IN NICARAGUA. SIMILAR MISREPRESENTATION DURING FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE LAS YEAR LED TO DEPT SUBMITTING A FACT SHEET REBUTTING FALSE STATEMENTS FOR RECORD OF HEARINGS.

3. WITHOUT A SMILAR FACT SHEET OR OTHER DISCLAIMER, RECORD OF HEARINGS WILL REFLECT UNANSWERED ALLEGATIONS SUCH AS (A) U.S. HAS

TRAINED GN IN REPRESSION; (B) FMS IS BEING USED ILLEGALLY FOR POLICE PURPOSES; (C) U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE HAS BUILT SLUMS, SPAWNED A COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR INVIERNO TO BE USED FOR POLITICAL REPRESSSION AND LINED SOMOZA'S POCKETS: AND (D) EMB ACTS AS APOLOGIST FOR SOMOZA.

4. EMB HAS NO WAY TO KNOW WHAT OTHER SIMILAR FALSE ACCUSATIONS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE BY BROWN OF WOLA OR IN Q AND A'S OR DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED FOR RECORD. WITHOUT BEING APOLOGIST FOR SOMOZA, WE CAN AND SHOULD DEFEND THE INTEGRIT OF OUR PROGRAMS.

5. EMB RECOMMENDS DEPT AGAIN GO ON RECORD WITH EITHER DETAILED OR GENERAL STATEMENT WHICH MAKES CLEAR OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO HAVE RECORD OF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS REFLECT FALSE ALLEGATIONS RE U.S. PROGRAMS. EMB IS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF FACT SHEET WHEN TRANSCRIPTS AND INSERTS RECEIVED. THESE SHOULD BE FURNISHED

IN ANY CASE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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